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Terry Harris, Lava Beds Manager, Retires After 37 Years

TULELAKE, California— After 37 years of faithful service to the National Park Service and 25 years at Lava Beds National Monument, Chief of Visitor Services Terry Harris has announced his retirement.

“Terry will be sorely missed at Lava Beds. His dedication and institutional knowledge cannot be replaced,” says Superintendent Mike Reynolds.

Harris, a graduate of Burney Jr. Sr. High School and the University of Nevada-Reno, began his NPS career at Lassen Volcanic National Park in 1977. After stints at Joshua Tree National Park, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and Cape Hatteras National Seashore, he worked 10 years in Death Valley National Park. Harris was hired as Chief Ranger at Lava Beds National Monument in 1990 and settled into the area to raise his family along with wife Marilyn. Both of his daughters are graduates of Tulelake High School where Harris volunteers his time as a coach of the basketball and track & field teams. He has also been a member of the Tulelake Rotary Club for 16 years.

As Chief Ranger of Lava Beds he was a member of the Pacific West Region’s Special Events Team who performed special law enforcement services throughout the country’s national parks. Harris was also central to the designation and development of the new Tule Lake Unit, which preserves the civil rights story of the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII.

“It has been privilege and honor to work for the National Park Service, preserving and protecting the nation’s special places. This has been especially true for the Lava Beds and the Tule Lake Unit, both of which will carry a special place in my heart,” says Harris about his impending retirement. Harris plans to remain in the Tulelake basin and continue to play an active role in the local communities.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

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